

# **EAST PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

**East Providence School Committee - Facilities Sub-Committee**

**East Providence City Hall - Room 306**

**145 Taunton Avenue**

**East Providence, Rhode Island 02914**

**March 15, 2016**

**Open Session**

**A. Call to Order Public Session - 6:00PM – Mr. Tsonos called meeting to order. Present: Charles Tsonos, Nathan Cahoon, Kathryn Crowley, Superintendent of Schools and Anthony Feola, Facilities Director.**

## **B. Report on Status of Ongoing Projects:**

**1) Door Projects District wide – confirmed with manufacturer of doors in RI; agreed to hold off until weather breaks; they will call us last week in March to start in April; can delay as long as we wish to; other company finishing up the other items on punch list, i.e. frames, etc; waiting for SMMA to get specs of direction of door opening at Martin Middle School; two sets of doors open in wrong direction; waiting for drawings to come back.**

**2) Sidewalk repairs at Riverside Middle School – on side of RMS concrete poured on all side, stairs and ramp; they will take care of**

walls which are in really bad shape; railings for handicap ramp; everything done end of next week, beginning of following week.

3) Sidewalk Project at Martin Middle School – MMS done; coming back for one punch list item; edge where old meets new is jagged; space larger than we wanted; they will caulk it to get a clean edge.

4) Roof Canopy at Riverside Middle School – Completed

5) CTC Door Replacement – completed today; tomorrow, 3/16/16, DaneTech will redo card access system.

6) High School Univents and Chiller at Waddington – Wilkinson Engineering – just got in uninvent cut outs for all schools; drawings done; Anthony (HVAC) said they are all the same and we are better off starting at the end; when money, continue to move down the rooms? Tops inspected for asbestos; can't find it; should run new tests on a couple of rooms (lower level and upstairs) to be sure materials same on first and second floor. Chiller – drawn specs to us next week; wants to put an RFP out for late March.

7) Answers to Questions from School Committee Meeting – Linda Dykeman, Finance Director, provided a written update on the \$800,000 additional funding provided by the city to the School Department as follows:

**Completed: Hiring of five Additional Custodians, Elementary Secretaries given 1 additional hour per day, 11 SmartBoards purchased for Kindergarten rooms. Hennessey Fire Alarm Upgrade (\$300,000) work underway this summer; \$12,000 for Window shades-spent \$8400 already and working on next batch of shades to complete this item.**

**Mr. Feola commented that the debris was cleaned up near handicap ramp at Martin Middle School.**

**Question on Orlo heat and hot water; it is not a loop system; not enough water pulled from the tank; plumber looking at putting hot water tanks in ceiling to have hot water in bathrooms.**

**Hennessey Roof Warranty – Mr. Ferreira requested information - documents provided to Mr. Ferreira at this meeting.**

**C. Bill Lists / Invoices Linda Dykeman provided a Construction Payment Request prior to the meeting; dated 3/15/16:**

**It was agreed to continue to hold payment on SMMA invoice numbers 44191, 44382, 44192, 44383, since Linda did not receive further correspondence from SMMA in regards to Mr. Cahoon's hourly rate breakdown request.**

**Request to pay Duarte Corp. Invoice #8 in the amount of \$31,327.00 in advance of April 12th School Committee meeting; work completed**

at Riverside Middle School. FSC authorized the prepayment of this invoice. Will advise Linda Dykeman. Invoice #1 for Duarte Corp for work at MMS also approved in the amount of \$18,150.00 and Strategic Building Solutions Invoice #15162 for \$1,125.00 also approved.

#### **D. Director's Report**

**Bayside Soccer Field - Mr. Feola explained there had been a lot of confusion going around the School Department's involvement in the Bayside Soccer Field Project; he said he met with engineer and architects, John Carnevale and Kevin Croke (city engineer) to clarify what was going on; we are not putting any money into the Bayside project; field is for future use for city and schools; we replaced line from the pool to the B-LO sign (baseball field) electrical box – wanted killed and rerouted and we said no; they are discussing pulling out and connecting one single pipe, so B-LO sign would still work; they will not disturb anything of ours. #2 they requested a 4 inch conduit pipe under the field – up by AYSO trailer; city will dig a trench; requested that we run a 4" pipe from the boiler room under stage; right of the prop room across the driveway and end on that side; they would take over the pipe.**

**John Carnevale attended the meeting; reported about the lights going up at the field in about two weeks; he got the engineers to have a**

conversation to make sure what they are doing can accommodate the needs; they had no idea what was underground there; engineers designed proposal for free; four meetings back and forth; good opportunity to get some things done now and save some money; lights have been sitting there for a year.

Mr. Monteiro agrees with the big picture; on board with that but his concern is on the process; needed to go through the Superintendent and Facilities Director; he is all for exploring options, but clear the funding first; we need to put money into our buildings; need to go top down on school side; taxpayers need to see where the money is going. Mr. Ferreira based his vote on the Bayside project on no cost to the taxpayers or the city. Mr. Monteiro – once we signed, we have not been involved; never saw final drawings for the field; School Committee bumped out of the process. Mr. Carnevale pointed out that this is the first time a private entity has come in.

Mr. Cahoon – we put agreement together; deal with contract; Bayside to do the work and we give them the land for 30 years.

Mr. Ferreira asked about the light poles. Mr. Monteiro – information should have come before the School Committee; do we want to do the work and do we have the money; this is where we fall short. Mr. Cahoon stated that the idea should have begun with the School Committee; important that we maintain control over the project and approve any work there; need to see what is going on in writing; it is Bayside's responsibility to let us know where started and where we are now.

**Ms. Beauchaine – if things were changing, School Committee should have been talking about this.**

**Mr. Monteiro – legal dropped the ball when the project became a three party agreement.**

**Mr. Ferreira – why are our personnel working on a project when it is not part of their job; we are not tracking hours and how much money it is costing the city.**

**Mr. Carnevale- we are looking at how we can do better; as a team, we can get more done; better softball and track. Mr. Tsonos – School Committee willing to sit down and talk about it; can put on next agenda; initiate some official correspondence to meet with the city; problem is that the flow of information stopped and never reached the School Committee.**

**Mr. Carnevale - Further discussion about the School Committee and City Council working together;**

**Mr. Monteiro felt that the lines of accountability were crossed; he agrees with working together, but he expects that the Superintendent and Facilities Director would come back to the School Committee.**

**Mr. Feola – needs approval for conduit under our building - \$2,000 - \$2,500 is estimate with labor. If School Committee does not approve this, Mr. Carnevale said they are doing it; have to do it.**

**Mr. Monteiro – contact Superintendent first; will support it but we just have to know about it first; wants to lay out what we are voting for.**

**Mr. Carnevale will put a list together. Mr. Feola asking for approval of and permission for our electrician to run an empty conduit.**

**Mr. Monteiro does not want electrical to the trailer. Mr. Cahoon – approve \$2,000 material and labor, seconded by Mr. Monteiro. Vote 4-0. Mr. Ferreira voted nay. Ms. Beauchaine wants this on the agenda.**

**Mr. Carnevale – money still needed for softball lights; School Committee needs to spend another \$6,000 to \$7,000; Mr. Monteiro – at next meeting, put ideas and prices on the agenda.**

**Aspen Design Group, LLC – High School Plumbing and Heating - Estimate of Necessary Work Joseph Vela of Aspen Group attended – he strongly suggested that we make sure that whatever is actually put in by contractors is what is actually on the drawings. Discussion about the high school facilities; Superintendent stated that one science lab is unacceptable for the number of students; library is not set up for media; facilities not updated to the BEP regulations; her concerns as Superintendent: limited with device space; rooms not set up for it; more technology is drain on the infrastructure; we have maybe 12 years left; should we put money into it? Need the School Committee to take the lead on this; the building cannot accommodate what is needed for science labs.**

**Mr. Ferreira – plumbing, heating, and the roof; is it worth revamping or going new?**

**Mr. Feola – as far as Aspen – we need prices on heating, water and waste; entire system; we need to do all that work to determine the life**

**expectancy of the building.**

**Aspen – the way the school is constructed, he does not know if they could do the work in three months; they can provide a detailed report; they need any plans we might have available, so he can walk the school with the plans; Mr. Feola will provide whatever plans we have.**

**Mr. Feola - Work on Orlo Avenue Park scheduled by city for April vacation.**

**Next Meeting Date: 4/26/16**

**Adjourned at 8:30PM**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Patricia A. Iannelli, Administrative Assistant**

**Nathan Cahoon, Chair of Facilities Sub-Committee**